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1. Central Chinese Communist Party (CCP) authorities have directed United Front Departments of lower echelons to establish control of overseas Chinese, beginning with those in Asiatic areas. These departments have been instructed to organize, in conjunction with governmental agencies in their areas, bodies known as Democratic Federations of Overseas Chinese, or "Overseas Chinese Federation of \_\_\_\_\_" (municipality, hsien, or province). The organization of these federations is to be completed by the end of December 1950, and they are expected to have firm control by June 1951 of over 50 percent of the Chinese living in other Asian countries.
2. Chinese now living abroad will be required to keep in close touch with their federations. When they return to China they cannot register their residence without permission from a federation; persons applying for permission to leave China must have a similar clearance.
3. The United Front Departments are also instructed to investigate the families in their areas who have members residing abroad, with the purpose of determining the addresses, professions, educational background, thought, and activities of those abroad. Further, they are directed to gain the support of overseas Chinese through contacts with their families and contacts with organizations in China which have strong connections with overseas groups.
4. All Chinese returning to or departing from China will be subjected to a thorough investigation, and those about whom any question arises will be given a short period of indoctrination. The United Front Departments will select certain departing Chinese for special assignments, such as establishing direct contact with the investigative agencies.
5. The United Front Department of the East China Bureau has recently passed this directive to the Shanghai Communist Party Committee and the CCP Committee for Fukien and Chekiang. The directive is of special importance in this area because of the vast number of people from East China coastal regions who are now living abroad.

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